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¹ Descend POLYMNIA! and sing
The Joys of this auspicious Day;
Descend, and all that's tuneful bring,
To make it chearful, grand, and gay.

II.

The softest Notes inspire,
Awake the dulcet Lyre,
And tune the sweet melodious Flute,
The Organ and the warbling Lute,

¹ *Descende cælo, & dic age tibia, Horace Lib. III. Ode IV.
Regina, longum, Calliope, melos.*

² *nec Polybimnia
Lesboun refugit tendere barbiton. Ibid. Lib. I. Ode I.
Hesiod calls this Muse Πολυμνία; deriving it from πολυς & υμνος.*

On

On every moving Timbrel raise
 Great FRED'RICK's, and fair AUGUSTA's Praise:
 High as the radiant Orbs of Realms above,
 Where blessed Peace, and Harmony, and Love,
 In circling Union reign,
 And undisturb'd maintain
 The Glories of a gentle Sway,
 That never fade, with Time, away,
 Till sacred Woods,
 And chrystal Floods,
 All around,
 Back rebound,
 Shrilling Sound,
 While sporting Echoes o'er and o'er replay,
 The Acclamations of the joyous Day,

III.

Come, *Britons*! come! exalt your Voice,
 In vocal Songs the Chorus meet;
 Come! with redundant Mirth rejoice,
 And vie to make the Concert sweet.

IV.

To FRED'RICK, and his Royal Race,
 Whom all their Parent's Virtues grace,
 (The sweet Attractions of the Mind,
 That win the Praise of all Mankind,

And

And shew us that the best and noblest Blood
Is only the Beneficent and Good :)

Let true and zealous Love,
Your firm Attachment prove ;
But on the Muse's heav'nly Wings,
Above the Flattery of Kings,
Whose contagious Breath
Poisons worse than Death,
While grov'ling Wretches, to obtain
The glaring Pomp of worldly Gain,
With soothing Complaisance commend
More Wisdom in a splendid Friend,
Than e'er the Gods at first design'd
To stamp upon a mortal Mind,
With *Roman* Worth
Soar nobly forth,
And tremble to offend the Royal Ear
With that, which common Sense disdains to hear.

V.

Thus give a loose to flowing Joy,
And ev'ry gay Delight improve,
With blooming Beauty sport and toy,
Till warm Desires inkindle Love.

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VI.

To *Jove* and Fate
 The Cares of State,
 That raise Debate,
 Till Patriot's Heads turn round
 With *Ciceronian* Sound,
 Awhile submit,
 As they think fit
 Impartially to rise or fall,
 The common Chance and Lot of all,
 And let Pleasure flow round,
 And your Mirth know no Bound;
 As with the smiling Glass,
 About the Table pass,
 In Brimmers of generous Wine,
 The Healths of all the Royal Line;
 And loud Huzzas arise,
 That pierce the vaulted Skies,
 In joy to the Day,
 Drink, drink it away,
 Freely joking,
 Time invoking
 To stop a-while the winged Hours,
 While Heav'n its choicest Bounty pours
 On ev'ry free and gen'rous Soul,
 That mingles with the Royal Bowl : Yet

Yet mark the Doctrine of the learned Sage,
Nor let your Cups intoxicate to Rage.

VII.

Come, sweet Contentment! rear thy Mien,
And smile propitious on the Day,
Majestic, steady, and serene,
Come, all thy blooming Charms display.

VIII.

See! joyous Scenes advance,
The gasping Furies dance
In Gratulation to the Day,
That sinks all Murmurs quite away;
Roaring Discord flies,
Teeming Faction dies,
Pale Envy drops her hissing Snakes,
In black Despair her Exit makes
Into her sanguine Cell,
On Viper's Blood to swell;
Dread, Terror, and Fear,
To vex us forbear,
Contention, Division, and Strife,
Laugh at the anxious Cares of Life,
Scorn, Pride, and wild Ambition,
Contempt and fly Sedition,

Taught

Taught by the Youth of Heav'nly Mind,
 Grow pleasant, affable, and kind,
 Good-natur'd and benign,
 With sweet Contentment join,
 And, with the Muse, their humble Off'ring pay,
 In joy to FRED'RICK, and his natal Day,
 That unto Bliss untasted leads the Way.

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